5. A meeting-cum workshop on Biological & Chemical Terrorism was convened by the Department of Health on 29th October, 2001 in New Delhi. The representatives from the States informed the preparatory measures taken by them and assured availability of drugs in adequate quantity to tackle any situation.

Population control in far-flung areas

4098. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences have developed a unique technology to spread of the message of population control and to solve health problems in far-flung villages of the country;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed programme;

(c) to what extent it would help in checking the population control; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National policy for prevention and control of AIDS

4099. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have annouced a National Policy for prevention and control of AIDS and the National Blood Policy for safe use of blood;

(b) if so, whether this policy will help in creating a social environment for providing care and support to HIV-infected people;

(c) if so, the other main features of this policy; and

(d) to what extent it has so far been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The policy has been approved by Government on 02.4.2002.

(b) Yes, Sir.